

TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

Gospel Friends

CONVERSATION GUIDE: WEEK FIVE

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Gospel Friendships that last promote peace.

SERMON RECAP:

This week, we continued our Gospel Friends sermon series with a message co-taught by our very own Pastor Curtis Miller, Pastor Josh Samarco, and Minister Alexandra Hoover. In this sermon, we are reminded of the call to seek peace with those around us. In every relationship and friendship, we are bound to experience friction and conflict because of the broken world in which we live. No relationship will ever be perfect on this side of heaven. But that doesn't mean that peace is not possible. It may seem more satisfying to hold a grudge or withhold forgiveness from someone who has wronged us, disagreed with us, or hurt us, but there's a better way. In Christ, we can be friends who seek the good of others, promote peace, and choose love over vengeance.





Felicia

GOSPEL FRIEND STORY:

Felicia Washington has been serving on our Communications team since 2017. Felicia was drawn to serving in this capacity because she's passionate about communicating God's Word, writing, and connecting with others. Currently, she partners with our Communications team as one of our online broadcast engagers. Broadcast engagers connect with those who watch our TC livestream on Sunday mornings by interacting with them in the online chats! Our broadcast engagers help our brothers and sisters who are not local or who worship with us online feel connected to our TC family throughout the service. This includes answering questions about events, providing information about TC, praying for individuals who have prayer requests, and helping to support our livestream by promoting peace. While serving in this space, Felicia occasionally encounters individuals who share a different opinion or openly disagree with one another. Felicia has learned to be a gospel friend who seeks peace by helping remind our online viewers that peace is not a suggestion but an invitation to a life of abundance. We can disagree with someone and enter into healthy conflict while still seeking to ultimately make peace. When we seek peace with every person we come into contact with, we become more like Jesus. By serving online in this capacity, Felicia is helping to bring peace to a corner of the internet.

Discussion Questions:

UPWARD:

- Jesus was a friend who sought peace, but He wasn't passive or conflict averse. How did Jesus embody peace throughout the Gospels? How does this challenge or affirm your understanding of peace?
- What does peace with God look like?

INWARD:

- We are called to be peacemakers instead of peacekeepers. What is the difference between the two?
- We must live at peace with ourselves before we can live at peace with others. Are you at peace with yourself? If not, what step can you take towards inner peace today?
- Read Felicia's story. How can you seek peace wherever you are: while serving, while at school, while parenting, while at work?

OUTWARD:

- Read Romans 12:18. This verse mentions that we are to live at peace with everyone as far as it depends on us. How are we to respond when someone seems unwilling to seek peace in our relationship with them?
- Who is someone you made peace with recently? Who is someone who need to make peace with? What step can you take towards peace today?



Soul Tattoo:

Ask God to show who you need to seek peace with.

Action Step:

Explore serving with our Family Ministries team.

